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SUBJECT: TORONTO OFFICE BUILDING - PROPERTY NO. X12011

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1. AS SHOWN BY THE REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS, MUCH WORK
AND PLANNING HAS BEEN DONE ON THE PROBLEM OF IMPROVING
THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S OFFICE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING
DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG RANGE PROGRAM.

2. A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF SPACE REQUIREMENTS,
INCLUDING SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY
CONSIDERATIONS WAS MADE BY FBO, THE EMBASSY AND REGIONAL
SECURITY OFFICER IN OCTOBER 1976. A STUDY OF
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COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED EARLIER.
AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE (F) IT WAS FOUND THAT WITH
CERTAIN REMODELING AND RELOCATIONS, ALL CONSULAR
ACTIVITIES COULD BE ADEQUATELY ACCOMODATED IN THE
EXISTING BUILDING AND THAT THE VISA PROCESSING AND
SECURITY PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED. NON CONSULAR
ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD NOT BE ACCOMODATED IN THE SPACE

WERE TO BE RELOCATED ELSEWHERE. SKETCHES SHOWING THE

AREAS AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF REMODELING WERE PREPARED BY FBO AND LEFT WITH THE POST. COPIES OF THE SKETCHES HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO TORONTO AS RECENTLY REQUESTED BY CLARENCE PEGUES.

3. BECAUSE OF FUNDING LIMITATIONS IN FY 1977 AND WITH AGREEMENT BY CONSUL GENERAL DIGGINS, THE EMBASSY, RSO, SY, AND OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, THE WORK WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PHASES. PHASE 1 WHICH WAS FOR THE GROUND FLOOR AREA TO HELP RESOLVE THE THEN CRITICAL VISA PROCESSING AND SECURITY PROBLEMS WAS AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED BY REFERENCES (E), (D) AND (B). IN ADDITION TO MAJOR REMODELING FOR THE NIV AREA TO PROVIDE BETTER CONTROLS AND FLOW OF VISA APPLICANTS, THE POST WAS TO ALSO IMPLEMENT REFORMS IN THE PROCESSING PROCEDURES, SUCH AS INCREASED USE OF APPOINTMENTS AND MAIL FOR VISA APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCES, AND NEW COMPUTER FACILITIES. THESE REFORMS WERE EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS TO WAIT IN LINE.

4. THE WORK IN PHASE 2 OF REMODELING THE THIRD FLOOR TO RELOCATE THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA, PRINCIPAL OFFICER, DEA AND ALL SENSITIVE U.S. OFFICES TO THAT FLOOR FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MAXIMUM SECURITY AND TO RELOCATE THE LIBRARY TO THE DAYLIGHT BASEMENT AREA HAS BEEN HELD UP, WITH WHAT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER, UNTIL INSTALLATION OF AN ON-LINE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATION COULD BE SCHEDULED AND FUNDED. FBO HAS ALSO BEEN AWAITING RECEIPT OF THE LOCAL CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL, INCLUDING SKETCHES AND SPECIFICATIONS, FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FLOOR FOR THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS AREA. IF THE CONTRACTOR REQUESTS A FEE FOR PREPARING A PROPOSAL PLEASE SUBMIT DETAILS FOR CONSIDERATION. HOWEVER, SUCH WORK IS USUALLY DONE WITHOUT CHARGE.

5. AS SOON AS THE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION FOR THE FLOORS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA AND FUNDING PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED, PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT WILL BE AUTHORIZED. VANCE

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